

EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Operating Procedure (COP) 20 lays out an annual, June-September schedule for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for highly migratory species (HMS) fisheries. According to COP 20, the HMS Management Team (HMSMT) and HMS Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) review EFP applications in June and make recommendations to the Council for action. Final action on EFPs then occurs at the September Council meeting. Only those EFP applications that were considered in June may be considered in September. However, the Council has been following a one-meeting, expedited process for review and approval of deep-set buoy gear (DSBG) EFP applications.

Fourteen EFP applications were received by the May 12 deadline (Attachments 1 through 14), summarized in the table below:

| Attachment No. | Name(s) | No. Vessels | Requested Gear |
|----------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Bateman, J. | 1 | Standard & Linked DSBG |
| 2 | Devoe, R. & F. | 1 | Standard DSBG |
| 3 | Fukushima, S. | 1 | Standard DSBG |
| 4 | Gershman, G.; Saraspe, L & T; Bingham, C & B | 1 | Standard DGBG |
| 5 | Harold, G. | 1 | Standard DGBG |
| 6 | <i>Honings, K.</i> | 1 | <i>Modified DSBG</i> |
| 7 | Hupp, R. & M.k | 1 | Standard DSBG |
| 8 | <i>Jacobs, K. & Gomez, T.</i> | 1 | <i>Modified DSBG</i> |
| 9 | Mandato, M. | 2 | Standard DGBG |
| 10 | <i>Mintz, S.</i> | 1 | <i>Modified DSBG</i> |
| 11 | <i>Perez, N.</i> | 1 | <i>Modified DSBG & NSBG</i> |
| 12 | <i>PIER</i> | 3-5 | <i>Modified DSBG (XLBG)</i> |
| 13 | Rippo, M. | 1 | Standard & Linked DSBG |
| 14 | Souza, J. | 1 | Standard DSBG |

Of these, five applications are for gears other than the standard or linked DSBG configurations.

COP 20 requires EFP recipients to submit a report of the work completed under the EFP, an analysis of data that was collected, and any conclusions or recommendations. This is also part of the terms of conditions developed by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Preliminary reports submitted to date are compiled in Attachment 15.

NMFS intends to submit a supplemental report containing additional information on the status of previously issued HMS EFPs.

All extant HMS EFPs will expire December 31, 2021. The Council should make a recommendation on whether to extend these EFPs beyond the end of this year, and if so, for what duration.

Council Action:

Preliminary Review of Exempted Fishing Permit Applications.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 1: HMS EFP Application from J. Bateman.
2. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 2: HMS EFP Application from R. & F. Devoe.
3. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 3: HMS EFP Application from S. Fukushima.
4. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 4: HMS EFP Application from G. Gershman, et al.
5. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 5: HMS EFP Application from G. Harold.
6. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 6: HMS EFP Application from K Honigs.
7. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 7: HMS EFP Application from R & M. Hupp.
8. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 8: HMS EFP Application from K. Jacobs & T. Gomez.
9. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 9: HMS EFP Application from M. Mandato.
10. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 10: HMS EFP Application from S. Mintz.
11. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 11: HMS EFP Application from N. Perez.
12. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 12: HMS EFP Application from PIER.
13. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 13: HMS EFP Application from M. Rippo.
14. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 14: HMS EFP Application from J. Souza.
15. Agenda Item G.3, Attachment 15: Activity Reports for 2021 HMS EFPs.
16. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

G.3 Exempted Fishing Permits

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- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
- b. Public Comment
- c. **Council Action:** Preliminary Review of Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

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